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BEGIN SUMMARY: FINAL SECTION OF B.M. DIAH'S ATTACK ON
GOI FOREIGN POLICY CONTAINED SUGGESTION FOR NEW, MORE
NEUTRAL, MORE SELF-SUFFICIENT POLICY BUT
WAS GENERALLY Milder IN TONE. FONMIN/ADAM MALIK DEFENDED
INDONESIAN VOLUNTEERS IN TIMOR AND SAID DIAH WAS MAKING
PEOPLE ANGRY, BUT NO OTHER OFFICIAL GOI REACTION HAS
YET BEEN MANIFESTED. END SUMMARY.

1. THIRD AND FINAL PORTION OF B.M. DIAH ARTICLE IN
MERDEKA ON INDONESIAN ISOLATION OVER TIMOR ISSUE APPEARED
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JAN. 15 AND CONTAINED SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW

FOREIGN POLICY. FIRST, RELATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION AND EUROPEAN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES MUST BE INCREASED TO BALANCE RELATIONS WITH US AND CAPITALISTS. RELATIONS WITH PRC SHOULD BE NORMALIZED, WHILE IN DEALING WITH JAPAN GOI MUST BE SURE THAT BENEFITS ACCRUE TO BOTH SIDES. AUSTRALIA MUST BE CAREFULLY WATCHED, SINCE THEY ALWAYS TRY TO RESTRICT INDONESIA'S GROWING INFLUENCE IN WORLD AFFAIRS, AND THEIR SABRE JETS SHOULD BE GIVEN BACK AS THEY ARE NOW ONLY FIT FOR A MUSEUM.

2. DIAH CONTINUED THAT INDONESIA CANNOT DEPEND ON OTHERS TO PROVIDE ITS SECURITY, AND MUST GREATLY STRENGTHEN ALL OF ITS ARMED FORCES. IT NOW DEPENDS TOO HEAVILY ON THE WEST, WHICH WILL NOT SUPPORT IT. WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S HANDS FULL IN TIMOR. A SHORTAGE OF FUNDS, AND EQUIPPED WITH OBSOLETE WEAPONS SOLD WITH MANY STRINGS ATTACHED, INDONESIA IS SUSCEPTIBLE TO THE OUTBREAK OF UPRISINGS AND CHAOS. BOTH IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DOMESTICALLY DIAH URGED A RETURN TO REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT AND SELF-RELIANCE, WARNING THAT 1976 WILL BE A DANGEROUS YEAR FOR INDONESIA.

3. FONMIN ADAM MALIK REACTED TO JAN. 14 PORTION OF ARTICLE BY SAYING THAT CRITICISM WAS ALRIGHT BUT IT MUST NOT DEMORALIZE THE PATRIOTIC VOLUNTEERS IN EAST TIMOR, WHO WOULD BE ANGERED BY DIAH'S REMARKS. THIS IS REALLY A SMALL PROBLEM, HE SAID, BUT "WE CANNOT SLEEP PEACEFULLY IF THE PEOPLE ARE MADE ANGRY." MERDEKA ACCOUNT OF THESE REMARKS EMPHASIZED REFERENCE TO "SMALL PROBLEM.?"\$,NHRM COMMENT: DIAH SEEMS TO BE GETTING AWAY WITH HIS JABS AT GOI , AT LEAST LONG ENOUGH TO PUBLISH ALL THREE PARTS OF HIS CRITICISM. ANTARA EDITOR MASHUD CONFIDED TO POLCOUNS THAT MANY SENIOR ABRI OFFICERS AGREE WITH DIAH'S CONTENTION THAT GOI SHOULD HAVE BACKED FRETILIN RATHER THAN OPPOSING IT. SO FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO REACTION FROM GOI LEADERS OTHER THAN MALIK, AND LOCAL PRESS CIRCLES ARE WAITING TO SEE WHICH WAY THE WIND BLOWS BEFORE MAKING ANY COMMENTS OF THEIR OWN. RIVES

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